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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 12.2% IN JULY

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 19 — Airline passenger traffic rose 12.2 percent in July and was up 13.5 percent for the first seven months of 1987, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic grew 7.2 percent in July, compared to the same month last year. Available seat miles rose 3.2 percent and the passenger load factor rose to 67.1 percent from 64.6 percent in August, 1986.

In international service of the U.S. airlines, traffic in August increased 33.0 percent, compared to August, 1986. Available seat miles rose 14.5 percent. Passenger load factor was 74.1 percent, up from 63.7 percent in August of last year.

For the first seven months of 1987, domestic traffic was up 11.3 percent over the same months of 1986. Available seat miles were up 8.2 percent, and the passenger load factor increased to 63.1 percent from 61.4 percent for the first seven months of 1986.

International traffic for the first seven months of 1987 was up 24.2 percent, and available seat miles were up 9.3 percent. Passenger load factor rose to 64.7 percent from 56.9 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JULY 1987 - 1986

		JULY			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	29,576,384	44,092,624	67.1	186,415,862	295,327,790	63.1
	86	27,596,814	42,741,968	64.6	167,517,243	273,017,421	61.4
PERCENT CHANGE		7.2	3.2		11.3	8.2	
INTERNATIONAL	87	8,950,872	12,083,155	74.1	43,389,905	67,114,193	64.7
	86	6,727,565	10,553,633	63.7	34,923,484	61,428,091	56.9
PERCENT CHANGE		33.0	14.5		24.2	9.3	
TOTAL	87	38,527,256	56,175,779	68.6	229,805,767	362,441,983	63.4
	86	34,324,379	53,295,601	64.4	202,440,727	334,445,512	60.5
PERCENT CHANGE		12.2	5.4		13.5	8.4	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.